



AN EMOTIONAL CROWD marched onto Virginia Avenue shouting "Sieg Heil" and carrying numerous banners and flags. Soon after the Civil Disturbance Unit of

the D.C. Police Force surrounded the crowd and moved in with flailing clubs. The march originated in the University Yard behind the Library.

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TDA: The Battle of Foggy Bottom Violence Erupts During 'Chicago 7' Protests

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ROCKS, CLUBS AND GAS filled the air yesterday as GW's campus became a battleground between police and hundreds of demonstrators protesting the "Chicago 7" decision.

But it was the school's "silent majority"—the hundreds of students and faculty members initially unaware of the protest—who were caught in the middle of the violence as dozens of curious bystanders were gassed and arrested.

The street fighting with Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) police, which rocked the campus for over three hours, prompted GW Vice President H. John Cantini to shut down the school at 7 p.m.

By midnight, the arrest total was at 150, with at least 50 of those apprehended from GW. Scores of injuries were reported, but only three students were treated at GW Hospital.

The leaderless rally, scheduled in advance to fall on "The Day After" (TDA) the Chicago decisions, began without a permit behind the GW library and broke up at 3:30, with hundreds of banner waving radicals marching down G St. screaming war whoops.

To the surprise of no one, the advertised "People's Tour of Watergate" was never conducted, as walls of police stationed well in front of Attorney General John Mitchell's home charged on the protestors after a tension filled five minutes session of taunting.

After police moved in on the marchers and made over 50 arrests, the scene shifted to the campus, where the ugliest incidents of the afternoon—entry by enraged police into two dorms—set off renewed violence.

Police halted a march to the Selective Service headquarters in front of Thurston Hall, sending over 100 protestors and terrorized bystanders scurrying into the dorm. On at least two occasions police entered the hall to pursue hecklers.

Shortly after, another dorm entry across campus produced four arrests, as CDU officers stormed into Madison Hall after hot water was poured on them from an upper floor window. One of the students arrested after a wild scuffle was a 106 pound law student.

Shortly before the Madison Hall incident, tear gas was used to disperse a crowd blocking 22nd St next to the new classroom building. Yesterday's gusty winds sent the gas swirling through campus, trapping many students going to and from classes.

Tear gas was used later in the afternoon to break up a small crowd of hecklers in front of the new University Center. The gas filtered into the Center and nauseated several students and University employees.

With most of the demonstrators scattered over a wide area, there was little activity for the next hour. However, about 150 of those remaining massed in front of Quigley's at 6 p.m. and again attempted to march to the Watergate.

Unlike the earlier attempt, the police wasted no time, and forced the protestors back onto campus. Advancing at a jogging pace and arresting several demonstrators in the process, the riot police forced the crowd to run wildly through the campus.

The disorders ended after the police charged up 22nd St., as most of the protestors either left or went to D.C. Police Headquarters to bail out their friends (see story, this page).

With the air cleared temporarily, talk last night centered on student legal action against police entry into the dorms, alleged constitutional violations at the D.C. jail and the seemingly indiscriminate arrests made (GW administrator and ex-Hatcheteer Marv Ickow was arrested, along with, of all people, campus cop Paul Buck).

And another rally is planned for today. Dubbed TDA Part II, the 1 p.m. gathering behind the library will be "non-violent," according to its organizers.



THE ABOVE Mitchell Hall student probably has little to look forward to as he returns from class each day, considering Slater's cooking. Yesterday he had even less, since returning to the dorm proved more hazardous than usual. It was not exactly an atmosphere "conducive to study."

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Clashing Armies Fill Virginia Avenue

Scores of Police Corner Protestors

by Mark Nadler and
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THE WHOOPING, flag waving attack of five hundred local radicals on the Watergate housing complex yesterday afternoon was turned into a hasty, chaotic retreat by lines of helmeted riot police.

The demonstrators were taking their objections to Wednesday's conviction of five of the "Chicago 7" to the fortress like home of America's top prosecutor, Attorney General John M. Mitchell.

The crowd had been urged on by Arthur Waskow of the Institute for Policy Studies, who was the main speaker at a rally behind the GW library. "The war is here," he told the restless crowd, "The war is the leaders against the people."

Waskow said that "the state is killing people. You can't stop it by talking it to death. It must be smashed or it will smash you."

The rally over, radicals moved down G St. and spilled out across the lanes of Virginia Ave. chanting "2-4-6-8, liberate the Watergate."

In front of them was a line of grim riot policemen, three deep. For a few minutes the crowd wavered, shouted, waved their yellow "bullshit" banners and tossed a few objects at the Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU). Then the solid blue line began moving toward them and the marchers fell slowly back.

The tension broke when the marchers began shouting "Sieg Heil" at the advancing lawmen. Spurred by the taunts, the cops began a well-ordered push to drive the marchers away. The crowd grew angrier; one radical stood his ground, shouting violently at the oncoming police, and became the first of close to 200 people arrested during the afternoon.

With the first arrests, the situation grew increasingly chaotic. The police continued their determined drive and the marchers broke into a disorganized retreat to the relative safety of the gas station at G and Virginia.

The police, under the personal direction of Chief Jerry Wilson, then executed a maneuver which put an end to the Virginia Ave. confrontation. The police rushed to form another line behind the gas station, encircling the demonstrators who had nowhere to go but the parking circle in front of the Columbia Plaza apartment house.

The police backed the marchers against the building until they were completely surrounded. A few trickled through the blue line across to G St. and some escaped through the Columbia Plaza garage into the main building.

One group of about a 100 panicked when they saw police coming from two directions and escaped through the parking lot of the American Association of



PLAINCLOTHESMAN and his uniformed counterpart wrestle a demonstrator to the street and handcuff him in an opening skirmish of the Watergate battle.

University Women building, breaking down a fence in their haste.

Those who could find no way out, such as GW administrator Marvin Ickow, were arrested on disorderly conduct charges and rushed off in paddy wagons.

The police, who were no longer acting under the direct orders of their superiors, began to clear the streets and drive the marchers back towards the GW campus, and the situation quickly deteriorated.

Crowds of onlookers, stragglers, reporters and protestors lined the streets, waiting to see what would happen. Many other marchers began a concentrated series of guerrilla type attacks, striking quickly and ducking into parking lots and side streets. The police

responded with what appeared to be indiscriminate arrests of bystanders who happened to be in the area of a skirmish.

As the main body of marchers retreated to 22nd St., rumors of police brutality angered those remaining near the sight of the original confrontation. Attacks by protestors, including the throwing of bottles and other handy missiles, were returned by the irritated police.

By 4:15, the streets and sidewalks were relatively clear of protestors. The numerous sweeps by the police had forced those who hoped to continue the battle to retreat back to the campus, where the second major confrontation erupted near Thurston Hall shortly thereafter.

Minister Beaten Unconscious

Invasion Bloodies Thurston

by Jon Higman
Hatchet News Editor

AFTER BEING repulsed at the Watergate, close to 300 demonstrators moved east away from police lines, but their retreat led to the bloodiest encounter of the afternoon.

The crowd was originally intent only on escaping rapidly advancing police lines, but soon began debating whether to charge State Department headquarters at 22nd and C Sts. or Selective Service Headquarters at 18th and F Sts.

Two blocks west of Thurston Hall, without a policeman in sight, the crowd halted to discuss tactics. Although those at the head of the column had favored the State Department, they eventually bowed to the majority and continued east on F St., breaking windows in several buildings, including the Uruguayan Chancery.

The time lost in debate allowed D.C. police to come roaring in with sirens blaring. A row of patrol cars braked in front of Superdorm, and four policemen dashed out of each auto with clubs swinging.

Suddenly scared, dozens of demonstrators, reporters and curious bystanders tumbled over each other into Thurston's lobby. One marcher, unable to escape, was caught just outside the building and smashed against the glass door. Frightened students watched, less than a yard away as the protestor was clubbed and tied by four burly policemen.

For the next forty minutes, the police held the street, sweeping out of it periodically to arrest people and clear the sidewalk. A large part of the crowd had escaped into Thurston, but about a 100, split into small groups, remained outside. Police clubbed liberally and several times provoked cries of outrage and a few missiles from residents of the dorm.

Police on at least two occasions entered the building to beat the demonstrators. Residents of the dorm screamed in terror as one club swinging officer chased a protestor past the hall's elevators.

The most emotion-provoking arrest was that of an elderly Methodist chaplain, Charles Rother, Rev. Rother, who was formerly chaplain at American University, swayed as he was being moved toward the police van, his hand fluttering around his chest.

"He's having a heart attack!" students yelled. "Take him to the hospital."

Students being arrested along with Rother began to struggle with the police. One policeman raised his club and apparently struck the gray bearded chaplain in the back. He slumped to the pavement but was quickly bundled into the van.

"Pigs!" screamed the crowd. "Pigs!"

A campus policeman was also arrested. Officer Paul Buck interfered with club swinging cops who were pursuing GW junior Bill Bradley into the lobby.

Buck had been moving around in front of the dorm, trying to keep people inside. "These guys are going to come running in here at the least provocation," he told those crowding around the door, evidently referring to the Metropolitan Police.

Bradley, bloodied by a blow to his left temple, was administered to in the lobby by several fellow students for about 20 minutes before an ambulance arrived.

Soon afterward, the police pulled out temporarily to a chanted farewell of, "Sieg Heil!" Almost immediately, students began to move through the area asking for bail money. The Hatchet was told later that more than \$150 dollars was collected in the first 10 minutes.

They promptly returned, however, and another round of taunts, chases and arrests began. A skirmish developed after a plainclothed police officer seized a girl and started moving her toward the patrol cars. A photographer standing nearby was clubbed and half a dozen marchers rushed to the woman's assistance.

In the wild club swinging that followed, an officer struck the plainclothesman. About eight arrests were made during the incident.

TDA II Rally Today

AREA RADICALS announced early this morning that there will be a TDA Part II rally today at 1 p.m. behind the Library. Some of those connected with yesterday's activities feel that another march may follow it.

On Saturday there will be still another demonstration. Plans call for a rally at L'Enfant Square and a march up Indiana Ave. to the Federal jail.

Both protests, like yesterday's, will be in reaction to the guilty verdicts handed down by a federal court in Chicago against a varied group of leftists involved in the violent demonstrations during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

Other political action of a quite different nature is also planned for Saturday, as a group under GW Slavic Languages Dept. head Charles A. Moser is planning a "Freedom Rally" in Constitution Hall.



D.C. POLICE CHIEF JERRY WILSON

Jailed Protestors Denied Money, Aid

by Glenn Ritt

Asst. News Editor

POLICE AT THE CENTRAL DETENTION Center last night locked out everyone attempting to post bond for 110 demonstrators arrested throughout the afternoon on charges ranging from disorderly conduct to assault.

About 40 "friends" of arrested students, holding bags of money adding up to over \$500, waited vainly at the center's front doors for over four hours, while attorneys attempting to represent the arrested students could not even get to see their clients.

By midnight, only 24 of the arrested youths, all charged with disorderly conduct, had been released by police after posting \$10 bond. After blocking six attempts to hand the bags of bail money over to the jailed students police finally permitted the money to reach one attorney at the scene, "Conspiracy" lawyer Caroline Nickerson.

Four other attorneys failed, after persistent attempts, to reach the demonstrators and offer their services. Police continually refused to admit any of them. One attorney commented late last night that "the situation is normal - all fucked up."

Another attorney maintained solemnly that it is always an attorney's right to visit his clients in the cell block. Police ignored him.

Bail money apparently has been raised for those still in custody, but police stated that no arrested demonstrator could either post bond or reach an attorney until everyone was entered in the police blotter.

It appeared that while the first batches of arrested demonstrators were processed quickly and efficiently, by late evening the police were "intentionally" delaying bookings.

While close to 100 male demonstrators remained in custody after midnight, 30 of their female counterparts had been released by 11 p.m. after paying bail.

Police were patient, but determined to keep all persons away from the processing center. Repeated attempts by friends to post bail were thwarted by officers stationed at the front doors of the center, barring all entry on "orders from higher up."

One "friend" finally got inside and tried to make his way downstairs, but was pushed to the ground and carried out of sight by two police officers.

He reappeared five minutes later, but after tangling with another officer, was again wrestled to the ground and taken away a second time.

Police first announced at 8:30 that those who could not post bond would not even be booked before 10:00. At 10:30 police maintained that no further information would be available until 1:30 a.m.

While attorneys and "friends" found the evening a futile affair, GW Security Police, reportedly, had a representative at the detention center representing the University. GW administrators have issued a communique explaining that while they will help as much as possible, they could not post bond without appearing "in loco parentis."

While only one attorney is known to have contact with the arrested students, four other lawyers could not even verify police contentions that at least two lawyers were at the cell area to witness processing.

Attorneys remained baffled as to why police refused to allow them to represent their clients face to face. By late evening there were many reports that the lawyers would take legal action to get through to the demonstrators.



AS THE BURLY CIVIL DISTURBANCE police cleared the Madison Hall environs, one unfortunate person staged an unsuccessful escape. He paid bitterly for his error.

Cops Charge Madison Hall, Bludgeon Law Student

by Martin Wolf

Hatchet Staff Writer

FOUR GW STUDENTS were arrested yesterday by club swinging police in the lobby of Madison Hall as the campus wide disorders shifted from Thurston Hall.

Returning from the unsuccessful march on the Watergate and the aborted, bloody march to Selective Service Headquarters, over 200 demonstrators assembled at 22nd and G Sts. near the new classroom building.

Several marchers attempted to block the street by pushing two small cars into the middle of 22nd St. When a large contingent of police came to disperse the crowd around the cars, after rerouting traffic, the demonstrators retreated to the faculty parking lot behind the Union. From here they bombarded the police with snow

and ice. About three canisters of gas were set off soon after outside the residence hall.

As the gas spread, the crowd dispersed, with many heading up 22nd St. to the other side of H St., where the police made several indiscriminate arrests.

Several policemen, eyeing the full lobby of Madison Hall, tried to enter through the locked doors. They were denied entry by an officer of the Madison Hall Council, who said that the dorm was private property and that those in the lobby were mostly residents of the hall.

The police held back a moment but began to move when hot water came spilling out of an upper story window. After halting for another few seconds, about a dozen went charging into the building.

Many escaped to the upper

floors, while at least five students were pulled out of the building, although no proof of wrongdoing was apparent in any of the cases.

One resident, Mike Marsh, was attacked by four officers even though he showed them his identification. The policemen beat him over the head and dragged him out of the building.

In testimony given to University officials at Madison Hall Thursday night, a resident said that the water hurled from the building was not thrown until after the police had dragged Marsh out of the building.

It was reported at the meeting that D.C. Patrolman Hollingsworth, who reportedly took part in the clubbing of Marsh, was reprimanded by a police inspector and was driven away from the scene.

The 106 pound law student suffered severe head cuts.

The police denied him a handkerchief offered by another resident of the hall and threatened to arrest the bystander. At least three others were arrested in the same attack, though none were apparently beaten. One resident who was not arrested suffered a bruise over one eye.

Damage to the hall was minor, though two lamps in the lobby and a table were knocked over.

For a few minutes after the charge on the Madison lobby, the police and demonstrators stood staring at each other at the intersection of 22nd and H Sts. But demonstrators began to leave the vicinity soon afterward, as did the police.

As the Madison Hall confrontation cooled off, police threw tear gas into a crowd milling in the street near the new University Center. Several students and GW employees were seen vomiting, as at least four canisters were thrown.



DEMONSTRATORS RETREATING FROM THE WATERGATE BATTLE assembled in front of Madison Hall. When police attempted to disperse the crowd, angry residents of the dorm pelted them with water, whereupon the cops charged the lobby and, using their clubs and tear gas freely, sent their opponents running.

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FLAILING BILLY CLUBS, police moved in to arrest a somewhat reluctant demonstrator.

High Schoolers Initiated

An Unlikely Confrontation

by Glenn Ritt
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THE AFTERNOON'S first confrontation actually wasn't at the Watergate. It was by GW's new building C at the edge of the GW campus.

From Virginia Ave. up 23rd St., a double file line of well groomed, tie studded students approached the campus. From down G St., another more ragged, raucous contingent appeared. They met at the corner of G and 23rd, providing

many at the scene with a vivid contrast.

The "straights" were "Presidential Young Americans," 350 "superior" but typical high school seniors visiting a typical, urban, American college campus.

Identified by blue and white name tags pasted to their jackets and jumpers, students from all 50 states and eight foreign countries were aghast at their campus reception.

"What are they?" one

student blurted. "College students? Are they really college students?" Most seemed amazed, as though they had never seen real, typical American college students before.

The loud, rousing, flag waving marchers bearing down upon the visitors ignored the red light before them. This caused general confusion, as the high schoolers were forced to filter through and around the tramping throng.

As they met at the corner, one or two flag-wavers challenged the title, "Young Presidential Americans." The high schoolers in general became very defensive, but only a few were seen secretly unpinning their badges and sneaking them into their coat pockets.

Most of the typical, urban American college types who were busily practicing new investives to be tried out at the Watergate, did not notice the Young Americans. The marchers could now see the tan and gray Watergate just three blocks ahead.

Seeing those police in action "coping" with those college students would have been a first class education in what is becoming a typical, urban, American type happening.

'Unbelievable' Acts Spark Student Anger, Disbelief

by Sue McMenamin and
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POLICE VIOLENCE and seemingly unnecessary brutality resulting from yesterday's Watergate demonstration provoked reactions of disbelief and anger from residents of Madison and Thurston Halls.

At Madison Hall, a graduate men's dormitory, violence broke out around 5 p.m. when marchers returning from the Watergate were split into two groups at the corner of 22nd and G by D.C. police.

One group proceeded down G St while another gathered in front of Madison. According to Madison Dormitory Council President Jim Thomas, demonstrators threw rocks at the group of approximately a dozen police outside the dorm.

The police used tear gas to disperse the crowd as some three dozen more police formed along 22nd St. The tear gas forced the

group, comprised mainly of Madison residents, back into the dormitory from the street.

"Police then entered the dormitory and began indiscriminately clubbing people in the lobby," according to Resident Director Pete Steenland. Furniture was damaged and one resident had his collar bone broken. Students were pulled from the lobby, arrested and forced into paddy wagons.

"It was as if the police had picked out certain people and totally ignored others," remarked Neil Proto, resident director of Welling Hall.

"The disruption in the lobby provoked a few residents to douse the police with water from their second and third story windows," observed Rick Coy, a second year law student who lives in Madison.

Largely because of anger at what some considered to be "unprecedented" and "unbelievable" violence, the residents of Madison Hall met last night to compile some 30 taped statements on the events of the day. The residents are

considering possible legal action.

Proto stated that he is filing an official report with Associate Dean of Students Marianne Phelps. Similar statements are to be filed by Pete Steenland and Mrs. Guriana Wittstruck, Thurston resident director.

Trouble flared at Thurston Hall at 4 p.m. after D.C. policemen entered Thurston in pursuit of students fleeing to the lobby for protection.

Robin Weiner, Thurston Council president, was filled with disbelief and horror at the scene. "Why did it take an hour for the ambulance to get here for the boy who was here on the floor bleeding? We kept calling ambulances but they wouldn't heed the call ... why can't they take him ... he was hurt."

Resident Director Wittstruck was also aghast at the lack of restraint exercised by the police.

Miss Weiner states that she will stand behind the report which Mrs. Wittstruck intends to send to Dean Phelps. She added that her "normally conservative roommates have been moved to regard the D.C. police as 'fascist pigs'."

Patriotic Cops Dig Working Overtime

by Eric Reinesz and
Steve Sachs

"I DON'T WORRY about the consequences of my actions," commented a D. C. police officer outside the Watergate late last night. "I'm making time and a half—\$7.50 an hour—it's my day off."

The private of 14 years continued "that he hadn't seen anything all day," though he had been at the Watergate since 7 a.m.

"We're just doing our job," observed another officer. A third added that the police must meet force with force. He stressed that the voluntary Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) is well trained and quite capable of handling all situations.

The riots of April, 1968 taught police departments across the country that "maximum force" must be used in disturbance situations, noted one sergeant. All agreed that the police knew well ahead of time what would happen.

The officers also agreed that most of the demonstrators were actually there for the fun of it. They said, however, that all of the 300 policemen used had been needed to maintain order.

A private, who had two years of college education, related that he had no second thoughts about answering the Vietnam draft. Asked whether he could explain why some would volunteer for CDU, the sergeant remarked that "most of the guys were active in athletics in high school and are doing what they feel good doing."

Questioned about this country's future, the sergeant retorted, "America has the best democracy around, doesn't it?"

Dazed Teenage Girl Ponders Her Beating

by Dick Beer
Ass't. News Editor

ONLY A FEW of those involved in yesterday's march wound up in the GW Hospital emergency room, but the ones who did represented a grim testimony of the day's events.

A 19 year old girl from American was sitting on a stretcher in the hallway alongside the emergency room. Her long auburn hair was tangled and matted except for a square above the forehead which had been shaved away. That is where the police club had made contact.

She declined to give her name, saying it would "freak out my parents." But she talked in a lucid and animated style, surprising for someone who had recently been knocked unconscious on Virginia Ave.

A boy stood alongside the stretcher holding her hand which was caked with dried blood. The two of them talked with friends who were waiting for her lacerations to be stitched up so she could be released.

The girl had been in the guerrilla theatre action earlier in the day, a "real cool thing" to her.

During this time, a student was brought through in a wheelchair, looking dazed, his hand held up to the shaved part of his scalp. His X-rays were negative. Only stitches and observation were necessary.

The AU girl remained cheerful, wondering about what would happen when her parents came. She observed, "I have a class tonight."

She maintained that she "didn't do anything" to provoke her clubbing which occurred shortly after the initial contact between police and protestors, near the Watergate complex.

Nonetheless, she had come into contact with what David Dellinger has called "the magic wand that turns a liberal into a radical."

Some doctors in the emergency room had been at Watergate earlier in the day. One of them told of trying to assist someone who had been clubbed and being told by a policeman to "get the hell out here."

The doctor, scarcely older than the students there, continued that he had tried to help out again, attired in his white coat with a red cross, but was again thwarted by the police. At that point, he "gave up" and returned to the hospital.

During the afternoon, others wandered in to be treated—one for a badly swollen hand, another with an injured back. They came quietly and dazed, leaving with little or no comment.

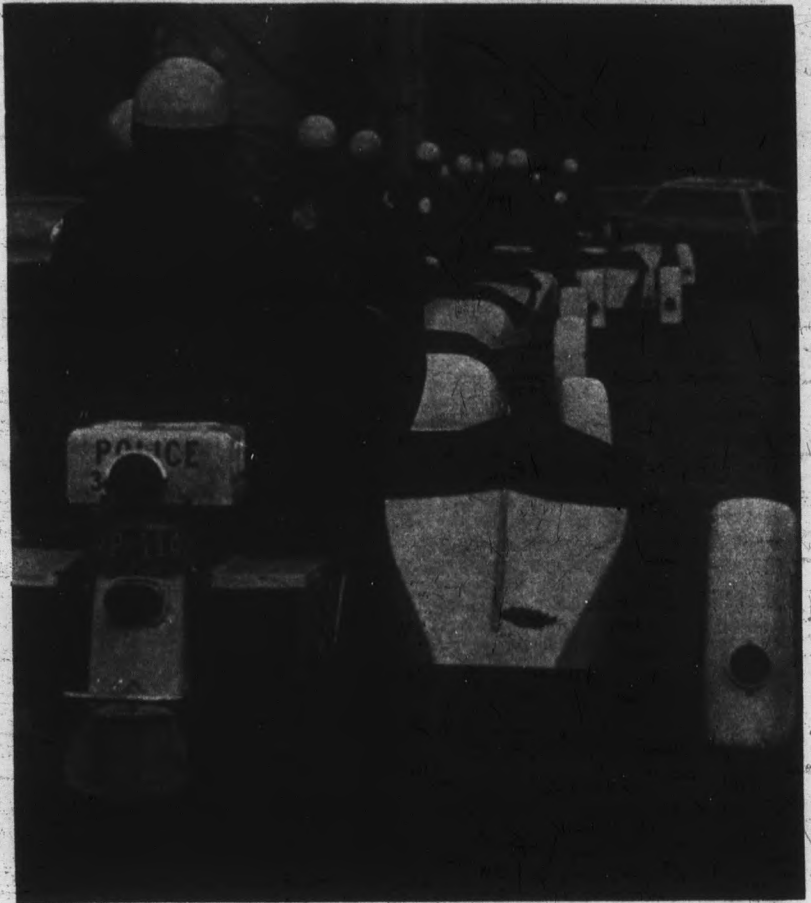


NEARLY 200 DEMONSTRATORS, reporters and bystanders found themselves escorted into waiting police vans yesterday. While the men were processed relatively quickly at police headquarters, the women faced long waits in the unventilated wagons before being moved to Women's Detention.

Half-Time Score: Cops 6, Freaks 0

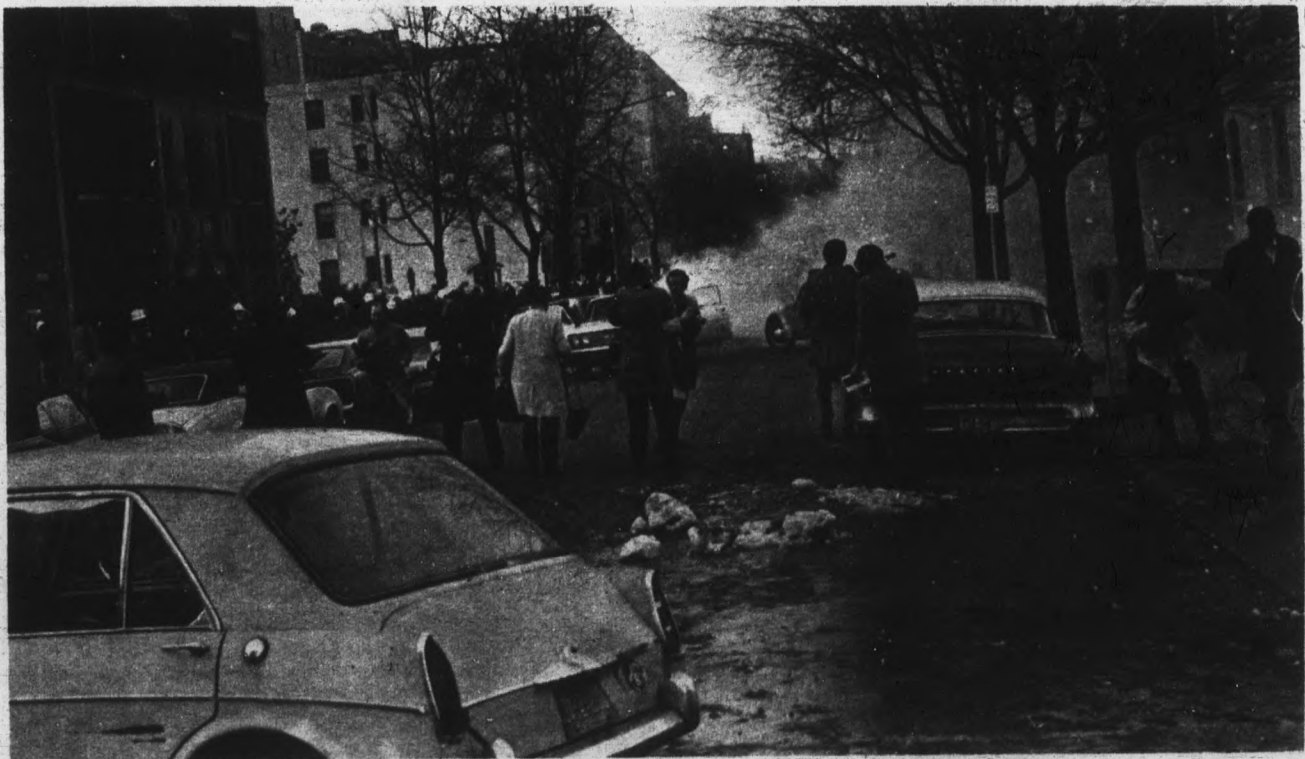


HE MAY have been taller, but that didn't stop this demonstrator from confronting Chief Davis of CDU Police Force.



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DOZENS OF HARLEY-DAVIDSONS roared up H Street as the police move in to disperse demonstrators quartered at the locked H Street entrance to the University Center.



PHOTOGRAPHERS AND DEMONSTRATORS run from the area surrounding Madison Hall as police used gas to breakup the crowd. Later the same scene was repeated in front of the H St. entrance to the University Center.

Editorial

Senseless

BECAUSE OF THE ASSININE conduct of the Metropolitan Police Force, undeserving malcontents have become martyrs in the eyes of many while innocent onlookers have suffered physical harm. The truth in Dave Dellinger's comment that the police baton is the magic wand that turns a liberal into a radical was made apparent yesterday.

The nameless force behind the "First People's Tour of the Watergate" are probably rejoicing today. They accomplished just what they set out to do as the DC police department and the majority of those who involved fell right into the trap set for them.

After the experiences of November 1968 and 1969 it should be obvious to all that this radical group, whether it calls itself SDS, Weathermen or remains anonymous has no concern for the immediate issues they raise. For them, the war in Vietnam and the

Chicago conspiracy trial are merely catalysts for wanton destruction.

If these people cared about the conspiracy defendants, they might have sought to obtain a permit and organized a protest which would have focused on the issue of the farcical courtroom of Judge Julius Hoffman. Instead, their actions benefited no one other than themselves, while they have distorted the concept of protest.

It is pitiful that the police jumped at the bait. There was no reason for the arbitrary clubbing, tear-gassing, and arresting of protesters and curiosity seekers. Sidewalks should not have been cleared by arrogant police officers driving their motorcycles down them at high speeds.

While there were instances of bottle-throwing and other acts of provocation, the phalanx of riot-dressed, club-wielding, Civil Defense Unit officers

marching down H Street was totally uncalled for. The indiscriminate use of tear gas affected few protesters but it was most definitely felt by many others who were unfortunate enough to be walking around the GW campus yesterday afternoon. In short, we must congratulate the DC police force for doing such a fine job of over-reacting.

But all this is not new. An almost identical experience occurred here in November 1968 when SDS staged an election day protest. The police came to campus in great numbers to show their mighty muscles and over-reacted; the student body was aghast and told Lloyd Elliott to keep the cops off campus; SDS was delighted with the confusion they had caused.

One wonders if anyone has learned anything in the last fifteen months...

Some Individuals Comment

Pickin' Up the Pieces, After the Day After

Wondering Why

I was busted in front of Thurston Hall after a group of us marched from the Watergate and got as far as 1990 F St. All of sudden out of nowhere the pigs showed up, surrounded us and cut us off from the main body of the march.

After being shoved around and thoroughly searched by a "well meaning" sergeant who had the habit of calling everyone "boy" and smashing people on the head and in the back and groin, I was shoved into the dark confines of a police van.

Along with myself there were 11 others including one who had his front teeth knocked out and his head and back pummelled, another who had been beaten consistently around the head and body, and another (by far the worst) who had a broken left leg and ribs, his skull cracked open, his nose broken and his right eye closed.

As soon as the wagon was filled we proceeded in a short stop-start action down the center cell block where we were taken to jail, locked up and booked.

I was released four hours later on \$10 collateral, but as I write this now there are still 50 people locked up - not because there are no lawyers, not because there is no money. There is money; there are lawyers; yet it seems the authorities are allowing neither

lawyers or money to reach these people in jail. One can only wonder why this is so.

Scott Daff

Somehow Different

I've been in many demonstrations before, and I've gone to jail taking part in one. Yet today's events were different from anything I've ever experienced before. Perhaps it was the fact that I was arrested by cops who surrounded the group I was in as we were walking away from an oncoming police line.

Maybe it was getting shoved back and forth by smiling cops who were obviously enjoying their work, or watching people who hadn't taken part in the demonstration get arrested, or watching people being beaten as they were pushed into the paddy wagon I was in.

Maybe it was the semi-conscious kid with the broken leg and nose that they threw into the wagon, or maybe it was the sight of his blood pouring into my jacket as I cradled his head in my lap. Maybe it had to do with the unwillingness of the police to get a stretcher for him when we arrived at the cell block. They finally got tired of hearing us yell at them and refusing to leave the van, and they took him to D.C. General.

Maybe it was the police refusal to take bail.

Whatever the reason, it was somehow different.

Different, and educative. Many people learned what it's like to dissent in America, and how meaningless constitutional rights are in a repressive society. For that is the only label one can put on a society that uses a broken window as a rationale for broken heads. And that's the society we all live in.

Mike Mazloff

Marching in Step

Masochism reached its finest hour in front of the Watergate today. The disturbance had been well advertised, and the result was predetermined. People got arrested, clubbed, and gassed while the cops got cursed at, stoned, and water bombed.

So what does it all prove. The cops came on campus, maybe disturbed a few more students than otherwise. Lloyd Elliott stayed in his 8th floor office, no doubt getting ulcers, while the student elitists foamed with indignation. Then

the kids got tired, and dispersed, while the CDU stayed at the Watergate shivering in the night air.

I don't think that anything was accomplished today, unless you think that screwing up traffic or getting gassed is an accomplishment. Traffic is always messed up in DC during rush hour, and I think there's enough pollution in the air without adding tear gas.

Maybe the ruling class did get shook today. After all I saw some government official going home to the Watergate at 5 pm surrounded by lots of cops, and look at the force that was used to block two or three hundred kids from getting too close to that magnificent edifice.

I just think that after today, we'll all go back to class, the defendants in the conspiracy trial will go to federal prison, and Richard Nixon will send Congress more BS next week. The system marches on, and we march in step to it.

Steve Sacks

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Passing the Time in the Nation's Capital

Mitchell Haul

In the aftermath of the block by block "war" carried on between people and police throughout the streets and dorms of GW on Thursday, the cry of police brutality will inevitably be raised.

Undoubtedly the police were brutal, more brutal than the Chicago police were at the Oct. 8 window smashing foray of SDS in that notorious city of "law and order".

The trouble with the usual charges of police brutality, however, is that people tend to focus their anger upon the individual acts of violence committed by policemen.



The reasons they cite for police being able to act in such a manner is the "low mentality of the average policeman" or that the nature of the situation caused them to "over-react".

It is true police are brutal, it is obvious they are not geniuses and it is certain that they over-react. It is also true however, that the police don't act on their own. Somebody has to give them orders to move against people. Who gives them their orders and why are such orders given?

People went to the Watergate on Thursday to protest the government's fascist role in the trial of the Chicago 8. It was a trial in which police were constantly used against demonstrators, court room spectators and the defendants themselves. Specifically, people went to the Watergate to show Attorney General Mitchell that they

know his is the guiding hand behind wimpy Judge Hoffman.

What happened? The same John Mitchell that is trying to hang the "8" personally directed the whole bust and pig operations of the streets surrounding GW.

This is the same Mitchell that personally directed the arrest of 894 striking black students from a Mississippi college last week. Why does Mitchell put these people down?

When people cry out against rising fascism in the government and put themselves on the line for real qualitative change in America, Mitchell has to put them down. If he doesn't, the corporations and the government will lose their power and maybe even their \$200,000 Watergate apartments.

If you hate the policemen who beat all those girls at Thurston, who beat that old man with a heart condition, who gassed Calhoun hall and who ripped off a GW security officer for trying to defend students from flailing clubs, remember John Mitchell.

He and the Government turned those dogs loose on you to protect his luxury condominium.

Peter Kaniavos
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Hojo's Dilemma

TODAY THE "people's army" marched on the Watergate to attack it with rhetoric and rocks. The police, present in what CBS news chose to call "adequate force", retaliated with clubs and arrests for parading without a permit.

In front of Thurston someone tried to grab the flag from the Urugayan Embassy and the cops appeared en masse, helmeted and wielding clubs. The crowd, left over from the Watergate offensive, poured into the dorm followed by police, calloused and busting even those on the way home for the weekend and one member of the campus security force.

At rush hour every corner near Washington Circle had five or six helmeted police directing and rerouting traffic.

In October, I stood on 22nd St. listening to a woman scream "murder" waiting for the police to answer the emergency call placed by a friend of mine, who after twenty minutes ran around the corner to the 3rd precinct station and nabbed his "own cop" coming out of the driveway.



POLICE arrest demonstrator early in yesterday's march on Virginia Avenue.

Last week, two policemen spent a good deal of time trying to locate someone who had accumulated from \$50 to \$100 in parking violations. Outside of his house they warned two friends of mine to avoid the Howard Johnson area for two GW girls had been raped there not long ago.

I guess what I'm wondering, in light of today's magnificent display of police strength, is, isn't the Watergate just across the Avenue from Howard Johnson's?

Or perhaps more important, shouldn't Attorney General Mitchell be as concerned about the lives of those of us living in this city as he apparently is about protecting property rights?

Toni Rubin

'Brutal, Senseless'

I had parked my car on F Street between 20th and 21st at about 4:25 this afternoon. I walked down on F St. in an attempt to find out what was happening. As I arrived at the corner of 20 and F, perhaps 50 to 100 policemen charged out of their cars fully equipped with their riot gear.

Myself and perhaps 30 other innocent people, having nothing whatever to do with any type of political demonstration, were charged barbarously by these well-protected, well-armed policemen.

The police were running down the street swinging their clubs indiscriminately at anyone they could

reach. Luckily, I escaped without harm but the boy standing next to me was not as fortunate.

Making absolutely no effort to resist, he was attacked brutally by a policeman who continually struck him over the head. Another policeman came over and also beat him mercilessly.

He was dragged to his feet, only to be beaten by five other policemen until he appeared to be unconscious. He was carried into a waiting paddy wagon and thrown in.

What I witnessed was the most brutal, senseless act of violence that I ever imagined possible. The police held no regard whatsoever for human life, harming innocent people in what seemed to be an effort to satiate some punitive and brutally harmful inner frustrations.

Andy Albert

'Animal Joy'

I couldn't bring myself to be a part of the demonstration. Like the trial, the demonstration seemed to be predetermined to me. It was clear that the demonstrators would confront police and I thought that the D.C. police would react as they have in the past - better than most but still appalling.

Late in the afternoon, I heard that things had gotten messy at the Watergate. I made my way over to the legendary UCF office to see what I could see.

It wasn't as much what I saw in the office as what I saw outside that so upsets me. I saw police, grown and presumably averagely intelligent men, running through the street wielding clubs with almost animal joy. I saw students, and just plain bystanders running to protect their skulls, hands over heads.

Returning to the office, I found a stream of people entering yelling "They've locked us out of the classroom buildings." Literally hundreds of people were running down the street fleeing for some sort of safety as University officials stood at the locked doors of safety, PROTECTING THE PROPERTY.

The scene reminded me of those disgusting hypothetical documentaries I saw on tv in the early 60's when "the bomb" was the scare of the day. They pictured people shooting off their friends and neighbors as they sought refuge in their bomb shelters.

Similarly, I saw the University shooting off the students as they sought shelter in the building for which they pay. And for what, the building?

I've lost a lot of my desires for direct political action so I naturally took a dim view of the entire demonstration - both sides. But this exceeded the bounds of expectation - not surprisingly - but disturbingly.

I cannot help but see the Watergate affair on a personality level, and I cannot help but conclude that the whole thing was one man's desire to prove that for some men their home IS their castle.

Bruce Smith



CIVIL DISTURBANCE UNIT officers move in with clubs and helmets to disperse the crowd gathered in front of the Watergate. The CDU is the same group as the Special Operations Division which was called in for last year's Election Day demonstrations.



ACROSS FROM THURSTON, police "persuade" various demonstrators, dorm residents, and passers-by to interrupt their temporary activities. The "persuasion" even carried into the lobby of the women's dormitory. A grey-haired minister was especially "persuaded" (see story, p. 2).

Elliott's Statement on TDA:

YOU ARE ALL AWARE of the unfortunate events which have taken place on the campus this afternoon and evening. At the present time, much of the information we have is rumor. We have learned that approximately 50 persons have been arrested by the Metropolitan Police in connection with the disturbances that rose initially at the Watergate this afternoon. At the present time we are trying to find out

about any students who were arrested. My major interest is in the welfare of the students and all other members of the University community. At this point in time, to prevent further injury, I urge everyone to remain calm and not to act on the basis of the many rumors which we are all hearing now.

/s/Lloyd H. Elliott
President

The Official Response

Bright Explains University's Stance

THE FOLLOWING ARE verbatim answers given by Provost Harold F. Bright to questions he has been asked frequently in the wake of yesterday's disturbances.

Bright's statement was given to the Hatchet late last night. He called it an "intermediate and hurried response," but said he hoped it would be helpful in answering some of the questions now being asked.

I have been concerned about the number of rumors concerning last night's disturbance. This is necessarily an intermediate and hurried response, but I hope it will be helpful in answering some of the questions now being asked.

/s/Harold F. Bright
Provost

Will a protest be made to Mayor Washington or Chief Wilson?

As soon as the confrontation at the Watergate occurred, the University expressed concern to the D.C. police officials about the problems which could arise if police were to direct demonstrators back from the Watergate to the University. I have now asked the administrative staff to gather all the facts concerning this and other aspects of the confrontation and as soon as these facts are in, I will determine if there is a substantial basis for a protest.

How many students were injured?

The only official information we have as of midnight is that three students were treated at the George Washington University emergency room and released.

How many persons were arrested?

Our best information as of midnight was that 120 persons were arrested. At this time, five women and 14 men students have been identified.

Will we help those arrested and how?

The University's first effort has been to



HAROLD BRIGHT

obtain the names of arrested students and to provide these names to student government. In addition, several residence hall staff members have been to the jails and attempted to gain information concerning students. Student government has indicated that it will take the necessary steps to obtain the release of students.

Why is the University not providing bail for arrested students?

While the University can offer its support in obtaining information about students charged with civil violations, and in seeing that this information reaches

appropriate parties, the movement of the University away from the concept of in loco parentis in all its aspects dictates that it not monitor students' civil responsibility.

Why didn't we ask the police to leave the campus?

The police were on public streets and sidewalks over which they have full jurisdiction.

Why can police enter University buildings?

The police can enter private property legally when they are in hot pursuit, as we understand the situation was today.

Why did not the University stop police from entering buildings?

As indicated in the foregoing answer, the University had no legal right to stop them.

Were police in Madison Hall?

According to what reports we have, some police entered the lobby of Madison Hall and made arrests. Our information is that four persons were arrested inside the hall. This is one of the incidents concerning which I am asking that every effort be made to provide me with further definitive information.

Were police in Thurston Hall?

One incident of police entering Thurston has been reported. They entered in pursuit and effected an arrest.

Why weren't classes cancelled on Friday, Feb. 20?

Our location is such that whenever there is a significant crisis over a national event, there is the possibility of a disruption of the academic process. We therefore must adjust to this fact and attempt whenever possible to continue normal operations of the University. If we cannot do this, we will not be able to make any assurances of academic stability to our students.

Bostonites March To Protest Trial

WHILE SOME 500 demonstrators battled police in Foggy Bottom yesterday to protest the conviction of the "Chicago 7," more than ten times that number held a largely peaceful march in Boston for the same cause.

A last minute permit allowed the march to begin peacefully at 4 p.m. The parade route was from the Boston Common to City Hall Plaza in downtown Boston.

Leaders of "The Day After" demonstration asked the crowd to remain peaceful and even requested the demonstrators to block anyone trying to throw rocks through store windows.

The march to City Hall was peaceful, with only a few scattered rock throwing incidents reported. Once there, the crowd listened to several speeches and songs and then upon order of the organizers, began to disperse.

As the demonstration broke up, trouble began when 1000 demonstrators moved down Tremont St., some of them breaking windows.

Police quickly broke up the disturbance. Two officers were hurt in two charges on the crowd. No arrests were made, though several demonstrators were injured.

A Bostonian extra not found in Washington was the effigy carried through the street. Included were images of Chicago Judge Julius Hoffman, a pig in flaming robes and a pig with Hoffman's head.

Campus Cop Busted For Helping Student

by Dick Beer
Asst. News Editor

GW CAMPUS POLICEMAN Paul Buck was arrested by the D.C. police in front of Thurston Hall in one of the more bizarre moments of yesterday's campus pandemonium.

Buck, who has only been on the force for two weeks, was hauled off to the District Central Detention Center on a charge of "impeding arrest." Bail has been set at \$500.

Reportedly, Buck was attempting to aid student Bill Bradley, who had been injured by a club, when police mounted another surge on the Superdorm lobby and Buck was caught in the melee.

Thurston Hall Resident Director Gurianna Wittstruck reported that she had been complimenting Buck on doing a fine job of carrying out University orders to keep residents in the dorm and all others out. She said she then turned away for a moment, and when she looked back Buck had vanished.

The disappearing act, performed by the D.C. police with the aid of their clubs, led to the paddy wagon and the unusual sight of one man in blue busting another.

By early this morning, GW administrators led by Provost Harold F. Bright, had abandoned hope for a quick release of Buck. The "impeding arrest" rap is considerably more serious than the "disorderly conduct" charge that most demonstrators were arrested on.

Special Forces Backed Up By Plainclothesmen

PLAIN CLOTHES policemen were in evidence throughout the day as many of the demonstrators witnessed. There were several accounts of non-uniformed officers blocking and pushing demonstrators.

When several demonstrators threw rocks at police in front of Madison Hall, two leather jacketed plain clothesmen chased the demonstrators down 21st St. and wrestled them to the ground. Other demonstrators immediately surrounded them, wielding their yellow flags as clubs. In the scuffle, the first group of demonstrators got away.

Earlier in the day, a man in a white trench coat was seen speaking into a tube of Chapstick. A cord extended from the tube into his coat. Upon questioning by a reporter, the man explained, "That's my St. Christopher medal." He refused further comment and would not show the device to the reporter.

Metropolitan Police Chief Jerry Wilson admitted that there were intelligence agents in the crowd but that they would not be making arrests. When asked who the bearded man who had slipped handcuffs onto a demonstrator was, the Chief replied, "I don't know."